(c) to (e) Under the Department's Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure, Central assistance is provided upto a maximum of Rs. 43 lakhs and Rs. 20 lakhs, respectively for construction of swimming pools of sizes 50x21 meters and 25x21 meters to State Govts., Registered Voluntary Organisations and Local Statutory Bodies. This assistance is based upto 50 per cent of the estimated cost for plain areas and 75 per cent hilly/tribal areas.

Vishwa Bharati University

2920. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vishwa Bharati University at Santiniketan has been without a Vice-Chancellor for the past few months;

(b) whether the University has failed to hold its annual convocation since 1992; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the emergence of such a situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati, resigned from his post on mtdicial grounds which has been accepted by the visitor w.e.f. January 31, 1995.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by Visva-Bharati, the last Annual Convocation was held on May 5, 1993. During 1994 the Convocation could not be held due to certain unavoidable reasons including delay in publication of examination results, agitations frequently launched by certain groups from outside the Campus. The University has, however, started the process for holding the Convocation during 1995.

Establishment of private Universities

2921. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has already been reached to allow forty new universities to be established in the country under private auspices;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions under which these institutions would function; and

(c) the scope for admission to these institutions for students belonging to poor and middle class families who are unable to pay the high admission and tution fees that are to be charged?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में "आपरेशन ब्लैक बोर्ड" योजना

2922. श्री शिव प्रसाद जनपुरिया: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में "आपरेशन ब्लैक बोर्ड" योजना का कार्यान्वियन कब किया गया था और इस योजना में मध्य प्रदेश के जबलपुर जिले के कितने विकास खंडों को शामिल किया गया था ;

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश को इस योजना हेतु कितनी धनराशि उपलब्ध कराई गई है और इस योजना के प्रारम्भ से लेकर अब तक इस पर कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गयी है ;